Dear Legislative Committee-

My name is Maris Pelkey. I live in Cheshire and work for Creative Interventions which is a provider of ABA services throughout Connecticut. I am writing today to express my strong support for SB 1089 Sections 23-29 regarding licensure of Behavior Analysts. I am in support of this bill as I am a BCBA and am proud to be one of the 458 CT residents who are certified Behavior Analysts. Behavior analysis is a well recognized, evidence-based and highly effective treatment for many types of disabilities, including autism. By passing this legislation, you will allow CT to join with 19 other states, including NY, MA, and RI in allowing consumers to access high quality, licensed providers of behavior analysis.

Thank you for your time and support,

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Maris Pelkey, MA, BCBA

Director of Birth to Three

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